

# Congressman Don Young Votes for Articles of Impeachment

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*If the top law enforcement official in the country is allowed to undermine the Constitution and rule of law, who would feel the moral obligation to testify truthfully.*

Alaska Congressman Don Young voted in support of House Resolution 611, the four separate Articles of Impeachment against President William J. Clinton. Representative Young voted for passage of the four articles. The House considered four Articles of Impeachment including:

1. PERJURY: False and misleading testimony in the August 17 grand jury testimony. The Article passed the House by a vote of 228-205.
2. PERJURY: In the deposition in the sexual harassment lawsuit brought by Paula Jones (litigation settled). The Article failed the House on a vote of 205-229.
3. OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE: Seven instances intended to impede Judge Starr's investigation. The article passed the House by a vote of 221-212.
4. MISUSE AND ABUSE OF HIS HIGH OFFICE: President Clinton "willfully made perjurious, false and misleading sworn statements" in his written responses to some of the 81 questions posed by the Judiciary Committee. The article failed the House by a vote of 148-285.

"Today, the House undertook its constitutional authority to support and defend the Constitution of the United States by enforcing the rules established by the nation. The President of the United States, who is also the Commander-in-Chief and top law enforcement official in the country, cannot be allowed to assault our system of justice and rule of law without prosecution. We as a society, and as the peoples Representatives would be undermining the Constitution if we did not act. The House of Representatives has a duty to the American people to ensure the moral obligation to uphold the rule of law while faithfully executing the office of the President of the United States," said Rep. Young.

If a private citizen committed these illegal acts, penalties would be imposed. Currently, 115 individuals are in prison because of committing perjury. "Our founders set up a system of laws and procedures to ensure America would not elect a monarchical leader who was above the law. The President is not above the law, said Rep. Young."

The framers of the Constitution devised the impeachment mechanism to remove from office any person who violates both his oath of office and his constitutional duties.

I believe the President needs to face the accountability of his actions before the American people. The facts have not been disputed by the President or his counsel. The fact, rests in the precedents and rule of law that Congress must take action on these important violations of law and the President's Oath of Office."

The Judiciary Committee reported Articles 1 and 3 by a vote of 21-16, and Article 2 by a vote of 20-17 on December 11, 1998; the committee reported Article 4 by a vote of 21-16 on December 12, 1998.

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NOTE TO THE EDITOR: Upon the completion of the consideration of the Articles of Impeachment, the House of Representatives has adjourned the Second Session of the 105th Congress--Sine Die.